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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20505

8 May 1981

Mr. Brian V. Kinney Chief, Declassification and Historical Research Branch Records Management Division Washington Headquarters Services Room 1 D 517, Pentagon Washington, D.C. 20301

Dear Mr. Kinney:

In response to Mr. Lowry's letter of 10 April 1981 we have reviewed the two documents which were found during your systematic review of OSD records and forwarded with his letter.

The first item, a memorandum of 22 November 1949 to the Director of Central Intelligence from R. F. Rinehart, on the subject "Technical Surveillance of Soviet Atomic Energy Activity," may be declassified from the CIA point of view.

The second item, a CIA memorandum of 28 October 1949 to the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff and Chairman, Research and Development Board from R. Adm. Hillenkoetter and concerning the same subject, must be retained at the SECRET level. It is exempt from declassification under paragraph 1-301(c) of Executive Order 12065.

> Sincerely, 25X1 Chief, Classification Review Division Office of Information Services Directorate of Administration

Attachments:

- 1. RDB memo dtd 22 Nov 49
- 2. CIA memo dtd 28 Oct 49

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MEMORANDUM FOR CHIEF, CLASSIFICATION REVIEW DIVISION, CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

SUBJECT: Request for Declassification Review

During the systematic review of all classified Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD) documents over 20 years old, the Declassification and Historical Research Branch, Records Management Division, Directorate for Correspondence and Directives, Washington Headquarters Services, turned up the attached document(s).

The documents were either originated by your agency, contain information for which your agency is the classification authority, or are otherwise of interest to you.

It is therefore requested that your agency review the documents and recommend declassification, continued classification at the present or lesser level of classification, and/or review by other agencies. If your agency is recommending continued classification, in accordance with Paragraph 3-401, Executive Order 12065, it is requested that an authority for continued classification be specified, along with a date for the next review.

The time permitted by Executive Order 12065 to reach the point where all OSD documents over 20 years old have been reviewed, and the large volume of over 20 year old OSD documents, make it necessary to request your response within 60 days. In your response, you may wish to provide guidance with regard to what categories of information you do and do not wish to have referred to you in the future.

Your assistance in effecting this review will be most appreciated. Please return the documents to Mr. Brian V. Kinney, Chief, Declassification and Historical Research Branch, Records Management Division, Washington Head-quarters Services, Room 1D517, Pentagon, Washington, D.C. 20301, upon completion of your review.

Without attachments, this memorandum is UNCLASSIFIED.

OSD Records Administrator

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LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

- Memo, 22 Nov 49, Subj: Technical Surveillance of Soviet Atomic Energy Activity, Log No 51024, Cy No 9 (TS)
- 2. Memo, 28 Oct 49, Subj: Technical Surveillance of Soviet Atomic Energy Activity, Log No 50962, Cy No 4 (TS)

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